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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company, for Authority to
Issue and Have Outstanding Short-Term Indebtedness 5820-SB-113
Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 Principal Amount

Application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company, for
Approval of Loans by Short-Term Notes From Its Parent, 5820-AU-110
Minnesota Power, Inc., Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 to Be
Outstanding at Any One Time

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the July 13, 2000, applications of Superior Water, Light and Power Company (applicant), for (1) authority, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 200.03, to issue and have outstanding short-term indebtedness which at times might exceed 5 percent of the par value of outstanding securities, but which would not exceed \$6,000,000 principal amount, and (2) authority under the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.52, to borrow funds through the medium of short-term notes from its parent, Minnesota Power, Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$6,000,000 outstanding at any one time. The proceeds from the short-term notes would be used to finance its construction program and to meet other utility cash requirements.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. §§ 196.85 and 200.10, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Lois J. Hubert at (608) 267-2210.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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